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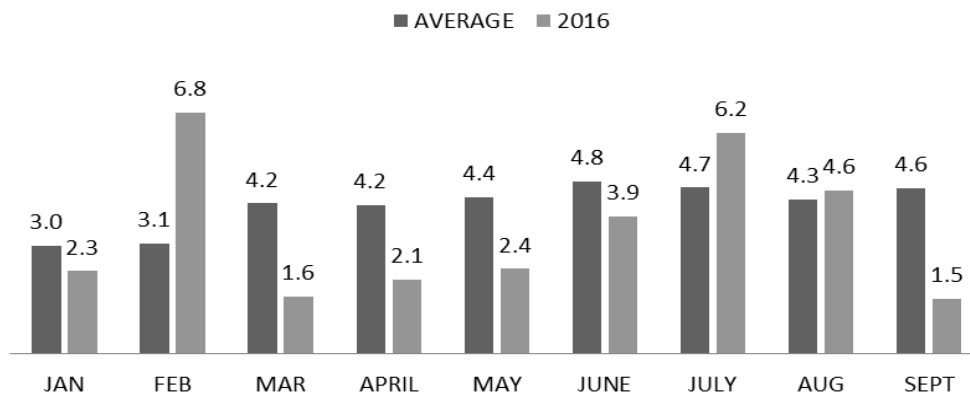
Board of Water Commissioners Declares Drought Alert

(*Kingston, N.Y.*) The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Kingston is declaring a **drought alert** for all of its customers. Cooper Lake Reservoir, the principal storage reservoir for the City of Kingston, is presently at 75% of its capacity, which is 10% below the average of 85% for this time of year. While we began September at normal levels, a significant lack of rainfall during the month caused the Reservoir to drop 3 feet during that month.

At current levels, and assuming no significant rainfall, there is sufficient water in the Reservoir to supply all of our customers for the next 170 days. To make our supply last as long as possible, the Board has declared a **drought alert**. During a **drought alert**, all of our customers are requested to voluntarily conserve water whenever possible. We all use water differently, so please take a minute to think about how you can conserve. Some simple suggestions include taking shorter showers, running dishwashers and washing machines only when full, repairing leaky faucets and toilets, and turning off the faucet while shaving, soaping hands, and brushing teeth. Please remember that conservation during a **drought alert** is strictly voluntary but every little bit helps. In advance, thank you for your cooperation.

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Rainfall 2016 VS Average



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Cooper Lake 10/13/2016 at 75% capacity



Cooper Lake August 2007 at 100% capacity